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The Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) will be held on October 29, 2005 this year. Registration will begin at 8:00 AM. Our program will be presented in the East gym of Harney Sports Complex from 8:30 to 10:30 AM. Representatives from various government agencies, service organizations, and Fort Leavenworth activities will operate counseling booths with significant information for retirees, from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

Together, representatives from Munson Army Health Center and the Kansas Lions Mobile Screening Unit will conduct a Health Awareness Fair. Some of the services provided include; blood sugar checks, glaucoma screening, hearing checks, and blood pressure checks.

This year the Provost Marshal's Office (PMO) will have representatives located at the Adjutant General (AG), building 193, for vehicle registration. A representative from Defense Finance and Accounting System (DFAS) will also be at the AG to answer questions or assist with problems. As usual, the AG ID Card and DEERS section will be open for any updates or changes you may need.

Parking for RAD will be at the Commissary and Post Exchange (PX) parking lots. There will be a free shuttle bus available that will run every 20 minutes. A pick up point will be designated in each parking lot and marked with "Pick up Point" signs. The shuttle will start at the PX pick up point, travel to the Commissary pick up point, then back to Harney Gym. The bus will make a stop at the AG building upon request. Golf carts will also be available and will assist people from the parking lots to the gym.

This will be the 42nd Annual Retiree Appreciation Day at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Each year our RAD gets more exciting, fun, and informative, and this year will be, by far, the absolute best! Don't miss out; we hope to see you and your families there!

PROGRAM

8:00 AM	Registration (Coffee and donuts compliments of Armed Forces Bank.)
8:30	Music provided by Patton Junior High School Band
8:45	National Anthem
8:50	Invocation
8:55	Opening Remarks
9:00	Welcome
9:05	Ms. Katherine O'Neill Tracy, Deputy Director, Military Officers Association of America
9:35	Mr. Tom Bebbington, Senior Account Manager, Program Promotion Department, Long Term Care Insurance Program
10:05	COL William B. Davis, Commander, Munson Army Health Center
10:15	Benediction
10:20	Door Prizes
10:30 – 1:00	Health Awareness Fair sponsored by Munson Army Health Center

Services Available

The Adjutant General Office, located at 861 McClellan Avenue, building 193, will be open from 10:30 AM to

2:00 PM to update ID Cards and DEERS. Representatives from the Provost Marshal's Office will be at the AG building for vehicle registration, and a representative from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service will also be present at the AG to assist with pay problems or questions.

Donuts and coffee are compliments of the Armed Forces Bank and served by members of the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) Club.

Please take advantage of the Retiree Council's survey, which will be provided at registration. If you have any suggestions to improve this event, do not hesitate to inform the Retirement Services Officer at rso@leavenworth.army.mil or the Retiree Council. Our intent is to improve this event each year and your input does make a difference.

Featured Guest Speaker



Commander Katherine O'Neill Tracy, USN (RC)
Military Officers Association of America
Deputy Director of Benefits Information Department

Commander Katherine O'Neill Tracy, USN (RC), is a native of Southern California, a 1978 graduate of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University with a BS in Aeronautics, and a Masters of Divinity with a specialization in Pastoral Counseling.

Commander Tracy has over 23 years of combined active duty and Naval Reserve experience and has served in a variety of aviation and staff assignments. In 1981, she was designated the 54th female Naval Aviator. She is currently a drilling reservist attached to the Naval Air Facility, Washington, D.C. Katherine joined the staff of the Military Officers Association of America in 2003 as Deputy Director of the Benefits Information Department. She resides with her family in Northern Virginia.

Garrison Commander's Message

Dear Retiree:

I cordially invite you, your family and friends to attend Fort Leavenworth's 42nd Annual Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) which will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2005.

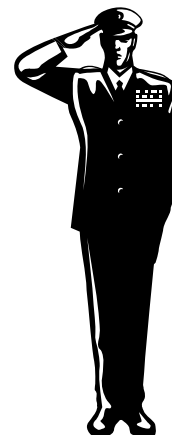
Your many contributions, dedication, heroism, and sacrifices to our Armed Forces are without a doubt the reasons for America's freedom. You are a valuable asset to our Nation and we owe you a debt of gratitude for long and faithful service.

As a small token of our appreciation for your continued interest and support, we have worked to ensure your needs and services are met to the highest standards. We strive to meet your needs, and to make this an event that you will truly enjoy. Our RAD has been planned with you in mind. We sincerely hope to provide you and your family with updated and new information, and how these changes affect you, the retiree.

I feel you will find our program both informative and enjoyable. Your attendance at this year's RAD will make this event a true success. Please annotate October 29, 2005 on your calendar, we hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

John W. Towers
Colonel, US Army
Garrison Commander





A NOTE FROM THE RETIREE COUNCIL

Fort Leavenworth's 42nd Annual Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) and Health Awareness Fair will be held in the Harney Gymnasium on October 29, 2005. After several after action reviews of our last RAD, changes were made that promise to provide a better environment for you, the retiree, and your family. Additionally, numerous installation and private organizations that provide services to military retirees will be available to answer your questions. As you browse the vendors, we hope that you will take full advantage of this unique "one stop" opportunity to associate with them as they work hard to bring their services to you and your families. Please see this year's agenda located in this bulletin.

Typically speaking, most retirees want their flu shot when they come to Fort Leavenworth's RAD. We hope to have it available this year. Please watch for an announcement in the post newspaper, the Fort Leavenworth Lamp, for the availability of the vaccine. Additionally, Munson Army Health Center will post it on their website <https://www.munson.amedd.army.mil> when it will be available.

Our guest speakers will be Ms. Katherine O'Neill Tracy and Mr. Keith Rohnert. We are sure you will find their briefings both interesting and informative as they bring updates from their associations, lobbying to protect your existing benefits and the long term insurance program briefing will answer your questions about this rapidly growing concern among retirees of all ages.

Your Fort Leavenworth Retiree Council represents retirees from all branches of service and we welcome potential new members to attend one of our quarterly meetings. If you are interested in "still serving" your branch of service and retirees in your community, please contact the Retirement Services Officer for the Fort Leavenworth community in the Adjutant General's Office, or contact a current council member. If you have any concerns regarding the Retiree Council or issues that this council should be aware of, please contact one of the co-chairmen. COL (RET) Pittman may be contacted at (913) 727-1629 or e-mail at jpittman@kc.rr.com or contact SGM (RET) Lovett at his email address Clifford.Lovett@us.army.mil.

As you prepare to attend this years RAD, allow extra time at the front gates if you do not have a current military decal on your vehicle. Please follow the directional signs as you come on post for the RAD events. Transportation will be available from the Post Exchange and Commissary parking lots to the Harney Gymnasium.

Remember to mark your calendars for October 29th and we hope to see all of you at this year's 42nd Annual Retiree Appreciation Day and Health Awareness Fair.

Colonel James Pittman, USA Retired
Co-Chairman, Retiree Council

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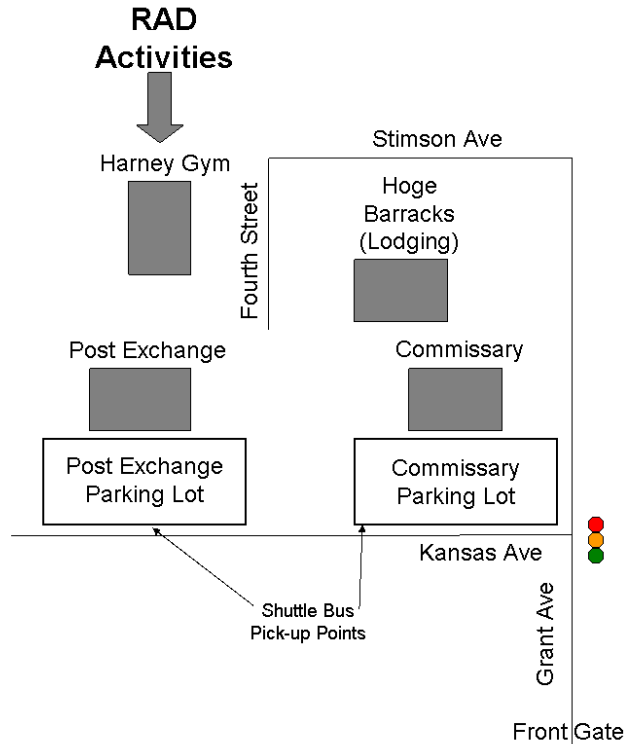
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Directions To Retiree Appreciation Day Activities



Lost or Stolen ID Cards

If your ID card has been lost or stolen, you must report the loss to the Provost Marshal Office, 410 McPherson Ave, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. The Provost Marshal will provide you a copy of your sworn statement (DA Form 2823). Present this statement to the ID Card Section and you will be issued a replacement card.

ID Card Update to Document TRICARE for Life Eligibility

If you are approaching age 65, be aware that the back side of your retiree ID card reflects an expiration date for your medical care. To be eligible for TRICARE for Life, you must be enrolled in Medicare Part B. In order to document TRICARE for Life eligibility, you must renew your ID card and update your Medicare Part B information.



Enrolling in TRICARE Prime:

When you retire from active service and begin drawing retired pay, you must re-enroll in TRICARE Prime and pay an annual enrollment fee to continue your Prime coverage. As long as you receive care at a military treatment facility (MTF), you and your family will not be responsible for any co-payments for primary or specialty care services. If you are under age 65 and live within a 20-mile radius of Fort Leavenworth (the MTF's Prism Area) enrollment for PRIME at the MTF is mandatory. You may request in writing from the MTF Commander an exception to policy to enroll to a civilian Primary Care Manager (PCM). For care received from a TRICARE network provider, certain co-payments will apply.

Munson Army Health Center offers Primary Care, General Surgery, Internal Medicine, Orthopedics, Physical Therapy and Podiatry, Women's Health, Pediatrics, Optometry, Mental Health Services, limited ENT and Nutrition Care. Primary Care is only available to those beneficiaries enrolled in TRICARE Prime and assigned to a MTF PCM. Appointments are made by calling 913-684-6250 or 1-888-269-0109. Munson Army Health Center does not have an emergency room – if you require emergency care dial 911 immediately.

TRICARE Health Service Regions are designated as the North, South and West Region. Missouri and Kansas are located in the West Region along with the following states, Washington, Oregon, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming, Idaho, California, Nevada, Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona and western Texas. The TRICARE Contractor for the West Region is TriWest Healthcare Alliance, based in Phoenix, Arizona. TRICARE enrollment can be completed by visiting the TRICARE Service Centers (TSC) located at Fort Leavenworth, Fort Riley, Whiteman Air Force Base, McConnell Air Force Base and the Richards Gebaur TRICARE Clinic. The Fort Leavenworth TSC is open from 0730 to 1600 hours Monday – Friday. The TSC is located within Munson Army Health Center. Detailed information is available online at www.triwest.com or by calling 1-888-TRIWEST (1-888-874-9378).

For Retirees and their families who may be part-time residents in different regions, TRICARE Prime gives you the ability to transfer your TRICARE Prime coverage to another TRICARE region. You can transfer your TRICARE Prime enrollment twice during a single enrollment year without paying additional enrollment fees as long as the second transfer is back to the original location. For retiree families living in separate regions, TRICARE Prime offers a great deal of flexibility under the split enrollment feature. With split enrollment, you can enroll your family in multiple TRICARE regions while you continue to pay only one family enrollment fee.

If you decide not to enroll in TRICARE Prime upon retirement, TRICARE Extra and TRICARE Standard options are also available to you. With TRICARE Extra, a preferred provider option (PPO), you and your family can continue to seek care from any TRICARE network provider. You are responsible for discounted cost-shares after the annual deductible has been met. With TRICARE Standard, a fee-for-service option, you and your family have the freedom to seek care from any TRICARE approved providers you choose.



TRICARE Costs for Retirees:



	TRICARE Prime	TRICARE Extra**	TRICARE Standard**
Annual* Enrollment Fee	\$230/individual \$460/family	None	None
Annual* Deductible	\$0/individual \$0/family Unless point-of-service option is used	\$150/individual or \$300/family	\$150/individual or \$300/family
Annual* Catastrophic Cap	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Civilian Outpatient Visit Co-payment	\$12 co-payment per visit	20% of negotiated rate after the deductible is met	25% of allowed charges for covered service after the deductible is met
Clinical Preventive Services	\$0 co-payment/service	Applicable deductible and cost-shares apply per service	Applicable deductible and cost-shares apply per service
Civilian Inpatient Cost-Share	\$11 per day (\$25 minimum charge per admission)	\$250 per day or 25% of the negotiated rate for institutional services, whichever is less, plus 20% of separately allowed professional charges	\$512 per day or 25% of the negotiated rate for institutional services, whichever is less, plus 25% of separately allowed professional charges
Emergency Services	\$30 co-payment per visit	20% of negotiated rate	25% of allowed charges
Civilian Outpatient Behavioral Health	\$25 (individual visit) \$17 (group visit)	20% of negotiated rate after the deductible is met	25% of allowed charges after the deductible is met
Civilian Inpatient Behavioral Health	\$40 per day	20% of the negotiated rate for institutional services, plus 20% of separately allowed professional charges	Low-volume hospitals: The lesser of \$169 per day or 25% of hospital billed charges High-volume hospitals: 25% of hospital-specific per diem
Inpatient Skilled Nursing Facility Care	MTF: \$13.90 per day Civilian: \$11 per day (\$25 minimum charge per admission) (No separate share/cost-share for separately billed professional charges.)	MTF: \$13.90 per day Civilian: Lesser of \$250 per day or 20% of the negotiated fee for institutional services, plus 20% of the negotiated professional fee.	MTF: \$13.90 per day Civilian: \$512 per day or 25% of allowed charges for institutional services, plus 25% of separately allowed professional charges

*Annual fees are aligned with the fiscal year (October 1–September 30).

** Cost-shares reflecting a dollar amount are subject to change.



ACAP News

Operations in Afghanistan and Iraq have caused a dramatic increase in the number of Soldiers with disabling injuries. The Departments of Defense, Labor, and Veterans Affairs have created programs focused on the needs of these Soldiers, regardless of where their injuries were incurred. The Department of the Army has introduced a Disabled Soldier Support System (DS3) Initiative that provides its severely disabled Soldiers and their families with a system of advocacy and follow-up with personal support to assist them as they transition from military service to the civilian community. More information on the Army's DS3 program can be found on the web at <http://www.armyds3.org>.

Eligibility for ACAP assistance...Disabled Soldiers (while on active duty), veterans (for up to 180 days after separation), retirees (for life) and their families (for the same periods of eligibility as their sponsor) are eligible for full ACAP services; this includes USAR, ARNG, AC. In providing services to disabled Soldiers, the primary goal for ACAP Centers is to initiate services before the Soldier leaves the installation. However, disabled Soldiers who cannot make use of ACAP Center resources because of location or medical condition are eligible to participate in the Remote Services Program.

- ACAP Center staff will visit military or civilian medical treatment facility to provide ACAP services, as needed.

- ACAP Center is handicap accessible.

- ACAP Center contact info: Ms. Evelyn Robinson or Dee Wilkes, 428 McPherson Avenue, (913) 684-3032/3072 or contact by email at acap@leavenworth.army.mil

- ACAP Center hours of operation...0730-1630 (Mon - Fri), open during lunch.

Off the installation key staff includes Veteran's Affairs Counselors, Local Veteran Employment Representatives, Disabled Veteran's Outreach

Program Specialists, and other service organization counselors. Request your assistance with referring veterans and retirees back to ACAP for assistance, as needed.

From the CRSC Branch

"Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) cannot be awarded unless the retiree can link their disability directly to an incident involving training that simulates war, an instrumentality of war, hazardous duty, or armed combat. The CRSC branch hopes that by educating the retirees on what constitutes a "quality" application, they can assist retirees in improving the probability of being approved the first time they apply. To date, CRSC estimates that less than 17% of the estimated eligible pool of Army retirees have applied, which implies that few retirees know the facts about this program."

- Currently, only retirees who served long enough to retire (20+ qualifying years and Reservists must be 60+ years of age), have a disability that is directly related to combat, and are receiving retired pay with a VA offset are eligible for Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC).

- Suggested documents include copies of your most recent and complete retirement DD214, any DD215s, medical documentation showing the origin and cause of the disability and all available VA rating decisions. Any other supporting documentation (evidence) may also be helpful to prove your claim.

- Retirees must waive a portion of their retired pay to receive VA disability compensation in order to apply to CRSC. This step is essential to receive CRSC, which is a tax-free supplement to retired military pay.

For more information or to obtain an application packet, visit <http://www.crsc.army.mil> or call the CRSC Service Center toll free at 1-866-281-3254; or (703) 325-5163, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.



Open Season for Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP)

Congress has made a major improvement to the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuity and has scheduled an open season which begins October 1, 2005 and ends September 30, 2006.

SBP allows a retiring Soldier to receive a slightly reduced retired pay so that an elected beneficiary can receive an annuity after the death of the retiree. Without SBP, retired pay stops when the retired Soldier dies.

There will be three options available for Open Season:

1. Retired Soldiers who are not participating in SBP will be able to elect it.
2. Retired Soldiers who elected SBP, but are covering less than full retired pay as their base amount, will be able to increase the base amount.
3. Retired Soldiers who elected child only coverage will be able to add spouse or former spouse coverage.

In order for an annuity to be payable under the new election, the retired soldier must live for two years after the election is effective. If the retired Soldier dies before the end of the two years, the open season election becomes void and all costs resulting from the new election will be refunded to the beneficiary of the voided election.

Not all of the details involving the open season SBP have been announced. Costs associated with the buy-in premium have not yet been determined, but more information will be posted at www.dod.mil/dfas in the future.

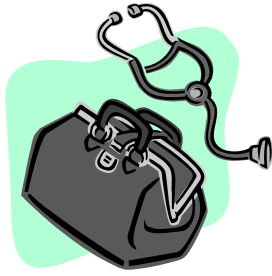


TRICARE Retiree Dental Program

You and your family are encouraged to consider the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP), offered by the Federal Services Division of Delta Dental Plan of California. The enhanced dental benefits offered with TRDP are the most comprehensive and cost effective dental coverage ever available to retirees and their family members. This is a cost shared program.

Enrollment is voluntary and open to retirees and their family members, certain surviving family members of deceased active duty sponsors, and Medal of Honor recipients and their immediate family members and survivors. Each new enrollee electing to enroll must fulfill an initial enrollment period of 12 consecutive months. After the initial 12-month period, you become eligible for the full scope of benefits offered under the TRDP and will continue your enrollment in the TRDP on a month to month basis. There is a grace period of 30 days from your coverage effective date during which you may rescind your enrollment agreement without any further obligation, provided you have not used any program benefits during that time. If you do not exercise your option to rescind within the 30-day grace period, you must remain enrolled in the program for the duration of the initial 12-month period without further opportunity for voluntary disenrollment.

A two-month premium prepayment is required at the time of enrollment to ensure that you and all enrolled family members can receive benefits the first day your coverage becomes effective. Monthly premium amounts will vary depending on where you live and the number of family members you elect to enroll – premium rates will change slightly on May 1st of each benefit year. To find out the current premium rate for your region, please visit the web site at www.trdp.org or call customer service at 1-888-838-8737.



Using the TRICARE For Life Program

When you become entitled to Medicare Part A due to age (65), disability, or end-stage renal disease, and you purchase Medicare Part B, you become eligible for TRICARE For Life (TFL), TRICARE's Medicare-wraparound coverage. Enrollment in TFL is done by updating your military ID Card to reflect your enrollment into Medicare Part A & B.

With TFL, TRICARE pays secondary to Medicare for services covered by both programs. The Social Security Administration will notify you regarding your Medicare entitlement. Medicare provides you with a Medicare card indicating you have coverage from both Medicare Part A and Part B. If you currently only have Medicare part A, you may enroll in Medicare Part B during the General Enrollment Period, which runs from January 1 to March 31 of each year. The Part B coverage for new enrollees begins on July 1 of the year you enroll.

For more information about enrolling in Medicare Part B please call 1-800-772-1213 or visit the web site at www.ssa.gov. Hearing impaired should call 1-800-325-0778.

For services covered by both Medicare and TRICARE, Medicare will pay first and TRICARE pays second. For services covered by TRICARE but not Medicare, TRICARE will pay its portion and you are responsible for applicable TRICARE deductibles and cost-shares. For services covered by Medicare but not TRICARE, Medicare is the only payer, and you are responsible for Medicare cost-shares.

For services not covered by Medicare or TRICARE, you are responsible for the entire bill. You must keep your eligibility up to date! If you change your status, be sure to update your records in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) database. You can update your information in DEERS using one of the following methods:

- Visit a Uniformed Services Personnel Office (Adjutant General). To locate one close to you visit the web site at www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl or call

1-800-538-9552 (Monday - Friday 0600 to 1530 hours PST).

- Fax address changes to DEERS at 1-831-655-8317.

- Update information electronically at www.tricare.osd.mil/DEERSAddress.

- Mail address changes to: Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office
ATTN: COA
400 Gigling Road
Seaside, CA 93955-6771



Morale, Welfare, and Recreation

Trails West Golf Course features 190 acres of open meadows, tree lined zoysia fairways and bent grass greens. Golfers of varying skill levels will enjoy this 18-hole regulation course. Other features include a clubhouse, Pro Shop, lighted driving range, two practice putting greens, and locker rooms for both ladies and gentlemen.

Private and group lessons are available at varying times according to the season. Clinics are also given during the spring, summer and fall for beginning golfers.

Punch cards are available, saving you money for 10-play and 20-play. Family Days are every Monday. Children play free when accompanied by an adult. A sleeve of "coupon golf balls" come with a full price 18-hole green fee and cart rental. Return one coupon ball and get \$5 off any 18-hole green fee and riding cart on the next visit. Trails West Golf Course is located at 306 Cody Road, in the center of Fort Leavenworth. Call (913) 651-7176 for information.

Arts, Crafts & Tickets has savings up to 25 percent for hotels, condos, lift tickets, rentals and ski schools for Arapahoe Basin, Loveland Ski areas, Breckenridge, Keystone, Silverthorne and Vail.

Compare to Rocky Mountain Blue. Call (913) 684-2580 for information.

New and experienced shotgun shooters can learn the fundamentals of shotgun shooting or tweak skills to become a more consistent shooter at Brunner Range. Rental equipment and ammunition are available in the Pro Shop. Brunner Range hosts a Fun Shoot the first Saturday every month. The entry fee includes 50 targets and lunch. Categories are available for female and youth participants. The public is welcome and prizes will be awarded. Call (913) 651-8132 for information.

For general information or for details about on-post events, call the Morale Welfare Recreation Information Line at (913) 684-3200. Information on all MWR activities is also available at www.fortleavenworthmwr.com. Listen to KAIR Country Radio 93.7 FM for a listing of MWR upcoming special events at 8:30 a.m. and 4:34 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The 10th Annual 5K Turkey Trot Fun Run will start in the Harney Sports Complex parking lot on Nov 19. All registered participants receive a long-sleeved T-shirt. Fruits and beverages provided. Awards for top three places in six different categories for men and women. Registration forms available at either Harney or Gruber Gyms. For more information call (913) 684-5129.

Friday Comedy Club will be held on Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Frontier Conference Center. The show features two professional comedians as seen on TV. (Contains adult humor and may not be suitable for children). Doors open at 6 p.m. Dinner is available at an additional charge. Advanced tickets are available at the Frontier Conference Center, Arts, Crafts & Tickets and Hoge Barracks front desk for \$10. Tickets at the door are \$12 each. For more information call (913) 684-3200.



Fort Leavenworth Lodging

Army Lodging facilities on Fort Leavenworth are made up 338 guest rooms that are located in the main Lodging building, Hoge Barracks, as well as historic

Otis and Cooke Hall and the Thomas Custer House. The nightly rooms rates for all rooms are always within per diem and provide a significant value compared with off-post lodging. Reservations are accepted for Active Duty Military, Retirees, Reservists, National Guard, Hospital Visitors, DA and DOD Civilians and friends and family members visiting from out of town. In addition, the Lodging facilities are very well configured to handle any size group for a short or long term stay.

All of the facilities have a wide range of accommodations that include spacious suites and apartments with kitchenettes. All Lodging guest rooms include private bathrooms, no cost in-room high speed internet access, full size iron and ironing boards, telephone, cable TV, laundry facility, and a complimentary continental breakfast

For information on rates and availability and to make reservations, please call 913-684-4091 or toll-free 800-854-8627 or visit their web site at www.ftleavenworthlodging.com.



Provost Marshal Office Information

ACCESSING THE INSTALLATION: All persons entering the installation must have a Photo ID (Driver's License, Military ID, State ID); Drivers must have a valid Driver's License and current registration and insurance for the vehicle being driven.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION: The following items will be needed in order to register a vehicle on the installation: current vehicle registration (vehicle must be registered to the applicant); proof of insurance; driver's license; and military ID card. The vehicle does not have to be present.

WEAPONS REGISTRATION: In order to use the Skeet Range, Kinder Range or hunt on the installation, all approved weapons for use in these activities must be registered with the Provost Marshal Office, Vehicle Registration Section. The following items will be needed in order to register a weapon on the installation: Make; Model; Serial Number; Barrel Length; and Caliber of the Weapon. **DO NOT BRING THE WEAPON, JUST THE INFORMATION.**



Retiree Appreciation Commissary Case Lot Sale

On Oct 29, 2005 from 09:00 AM to 5:00 PM, the Fort Leavenworth Commissary will be having a case lot sale to show our appreciation for the service that military retiree's have given to our country. Mark your calendars! Super Savings on popular items! If you cannot find an item you would like stocked at the commissary, contact the Commissary Manager, Glennie Morris, to submit a request for it.



Notification of Retired Soldier's Death

The Casualty Assistance Center (CAC) offers help to family members of deceased Army retirees through the Army Casualty Program. Spouses or other survivors should report the retiree's death promptly to enable officials to notify the proper agencies for settlement of survivor benefits and claims. Call the Ft Leavenworth CAC at 913-684-3557. For Navy, 1-866-827-5672; Air Force, 1-800-531-5803; Marines, 1-800-847-1597; and Coast Guard, 202-267-2257.

Lewis and Clark Center

Ground was broken July 1, 2004 near Smith Lake for the Lewis and Clark Center, a modern \$115 million facility that will replace Bell Hall.

Bell Hall, which opened in 1958, has become too outdated and costly to renovate.

"The Command and General Staff College desperately needs a new facility to give our future leaders the best possible training they can get," said Lt. Gen. William S. Wallace, commandant of the Command and General Staff College and commander of the Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth, during groundbreaking ceremonies.

"It would cost more to renovate Bell Hall than to build the new Lewis and Clark Center," he said. "Also, the new technology that has become available to us in recent years was not even thought of in 1958. The Lewis and Clark Center will be built with future technology in mind."

At present the facility is 26% along in construction and is expected to be ready for students in August 2007. The center will leverage advances in educational technology and learning environments to support both the current and future forces of the Army, sister services and international officers.

The new center is named after Capt. Meriwether Lewis and Lt. William Clark who led the Corps of Discovery across the uncharted expanse of the Louisiana Purchase. The Corps of Discovery explored the area that is now Fort Leavenworth 200 years ago.

"This project is about much more than replacing an old building," said U.S. Sen. Pat Roberts. "As the intellectual center of the Army, Fort Leavenworth's education of Army leaders is absolutely critical to the success of the Army's transformation, the Army's future and our national security."

(Information compiled by Public Affairs staff and from a LAMP article by Spec. Melissa McEntire dated July 8, 2004)



Fiscal Year 2005 / 2006 Holidays

The Adjutant General (AG) Office will be closed on all Federal Holidays Observed. An (*) asterisk denotes the Training Holidays the AG office will be closed. The AG will be minimally staffed on all other Training Holidays, please call before coming to schedule an appointment.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS TO BE OBSERVED:

10 October 2005	Columbus Day
11 November 2005	Veteran's Day
24 November 2005	Thanksgiving Day

25 December 2005	Christmas Day (Observed 26 Dec)
01 January 2006	New Year's Day
16 January 2006	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
20 February 2006	Presidents' Day
29 May 2006	Memorial Day
04 July 2006	Independence Day
04 September 2006	Labor Day

TRAINING HOLIDAYS TO BE OBSERVED:

07 October 2005	Friday before Columbus Day
14 November 2005	Monday after Veterans' Day
*25 November 2005	Friday after Thanksgiving
*23 December 2005	Friday before Christmas
*30 December 2005	Friday before New Year's Day
13 January 2006	Friday before MLK Jr. Day
17 February 2006	Friday before President's Day
26 May 2006	Friday before Memorial Day
03 July 2006	Monday before Independence Day
01 September 2006	Friday before Labor Day



Frequently Used Phone Numbers

Army Community Services (ACS) (913) 684-2800

Fort Leavenworth Car Care (AAFES Service Station) (913) 651-6541

Legal Assistance (913) 684-4944

Identification Cards/DEERS (913) 684-4452

Munson Army Health Center Information Desk (913) 684-6000

Gentry Clinic (913) 684-6671

Appointments for Munson and Gentry
(913) 684-6250

Commissary (913) 684-4903

Lodging (913) 684-4091

Retirement Services Officer (913) 684-2425

Vehicle Registration (913) 684-3523

Frontier Community Credit Union (913) 651-6575



myPay

For several years, myPay has provided military members and civilian employees with a secure method to view, print, and save their LES and W-2 electronically. myPay is an innovative, automated system that puts you in control of processing certain discretionary pay items without paper forms. You can also get your pay statements, tax forms and travel advice of payment using myPay.

myPay saves time; it is both convenient and reliable. myPay eliminates the need to write letters or fill out forms, letting you make your own changes immediately with user-friendly technology. You can access myPay nearly 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to change or review your current information, or to check your most recent pay statement.

In order to use myPay, you need your Social Security Number (SSN) and myPay Personal Identification Number (PIN). When a military member retires or transfers to the Reserves, the retiree or Reserve member may continue to use the same PIN that they used while on active duty to access their myPay retired or reserve pay account information. If you do not know or have suspended your Customized PIN, you may re-activate your PIN on-line in myPay. If your customized PIN is currently suspended, enter your SSN and any 4-8 numeric digit PIN once. Follow the screen instructions to establish a new customized PIN by entering the desired new PIN

twice and by correctly responding to the identity validation questions.

You may also customize your PIN following the same procedures using the myPay IVR (phone) toll-free at 1-877-363-3677, commercial at (478) 757-3119.



Military Personnel Record

Now you can request Military Personnel Records online through the National Archives and Record Administration's website listed below.

You can use their system to create a customized order form to request information from your, or your relative's, military personnel records. You may use this system if you are:

- A military veteran, or
- Next of kin of a deceased former member of the military

The next of kin can be any of the following: surviving spouse that has not remarried, father, mother, son, daughter, sister, or brother.

If you are not the veteran or next of kin, you must complete Standard Form 180 (SF 180). You can obtain this form from any Retirement Services Office or download it directly on the internet, then mail or fax it to the appropriate address on the form. The SF 180 may be photocopied as needed. Please submit a separate request (either SF 180 or letter) for each individual whose records are being requested. You may submit more than one request per envelope or fax.

To initiate an online request for Military Personnel Records go to:

<http://www.archives.gov/welcome/index.html>

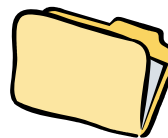
At the top right of the page, click the drop down menu and select eVetRecs.

Click on the "Request Military Records" button to start. This will launch a separate window.

Enter the required information in the system to create your customized request form. There are 4 steps that you need to navigate. The system will guide you through the steps and tell you exactly which step you are on.

Print, sign and date the signature verification area of your customized form. If you don't have a printer, have a pen and paper handy and you will be guided through the process. This is important because the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) requires that all requests for records and information be submitted in writing. Each request must be signed and dated by the veteran or next of kin.

Mail or fax your signature verification form to the address given and your request will be processed. You must do this within the first 20 days of entering your request, or your request will be removed from the system.



Useful Websites for Information

DFAS Retired Pay Info:

www.dod.mil/dfas

Army Retirement Services:

www.armyg1.army.mil/retire

Department of Veterans Affairs:

www.va.gov

Social Security:

www.ssa.gov

AAFES:

www.aafes.com

Staff Judge Advocate Office:

www.leavenworth.army.mil/osja

Ft Leavenworth Community Activities:

www.leavenworth.army.mil/dca

Worldwide Commissary Website:

www.commissaries.com

